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COMPOSITION TO DELAY IRREGULAR WEAR ON
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully request that the following documents, which are also listed in the attached PTO-1449 form, be "made of record" in the above-identified patent application. Copy of these documents and a

copy of the search report are enclosed. Applicant has also provided copies of the English language abstracts of French Patent Application FR2765882, European Patent Application EP0810258A1, and European Patent Application No. EP0735088A1. Machine-assisted translations of the abstracts from Japanese Patent Application JP11105513 and JP9175120 have been provided.

1. United States Patent No. 6,013,718 by Cabioch et al., filed November 5, 1996, issued January 11, 2000.
2. French Patent Application No. 9709048 by Compagnie Generale Des Etablissements Michelin - Michelin and CIE, Labauze, Gerard, inventor, published January 15, 1999 as FR2765882.
3. International Patent Application No. PCT/EP98/07680, by Compagnie Generale Des Etablissements Michelin - Michelin and CIE, Custodero, Simonot, Tardivart, inventors, published June 10, 1999 as WO 99/28376.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 09-272937 by Bridgestone Corp., Tatsuro, N., inventor, published April 20, 1999 as JP 11105513.
5. United States Patent No. 5,663,396 by Musleve et al., filed October 31, 1996, issued September 2, 1997.
6. United States Patent No. 5,684,171 by Wideman et al., filed February 11, 1997, issued November 4, 1997.

7. United States Patent No. 5,684,172 by Wideman et al., filed February 11, 1997, issued November 4, 1997.
8. United States Patent No. 5,696,197 by Smith et al., filed June 21, 1996, issued December 9, 1997.
9. European Patent Application No. 97107921.5 by Compagnie Generale Des Etablissements Michelin - Michelin and CIE, Custodero, Tardivat, inventors, published December 12, 1997 as EP0810258A1.
10. Japanese Patent Application No. 07-342110 by Bridgestone Corp., Arata, T., inventor published July 8, 1997 as JP 9175120.
11. United States Patent No. 5,580,919 by Agostini et al., filed March 14, 1995, issued December 3, 1996.
12. United States Patent No. 5,583,245 by Parker et al., filed March 6, 1996, issued December 10, 1996.
13. International Patent Application No. PCT/US96/07310, by Cabot Corporation, US, Mahmud et al., inventors, published November 28, 1996 as WO 96/37547.
14. European Patent Application No. 95306558.8 by Bridgestone Corporation Tokyo 104 (JP), Moriya, inventor, published April 10, 1996 as EP0705721A2.

15. European Patent Application No. 96103827.0 by Compagnie Generale Des Etablissements Michelin - Michelin and CIE, Vanel, inventor, published October 2, 1996 as EP0735088A1.

16. International Patent Application No. PCT/JP87/00738, by Bridgestone Corporation (JP), Hamada et al., inventors, published July 28, 1988 as WO 88/05448.

17. United States Patent No. 4,360,049 by Imai filed March 5, 1981, issued November 23, 1982.

18. United States Patent No. 4,002,594 by Fetterman et al., filed July 8 1975, issued January 11, 1977.

19. United States Patent No. 3,978,103 by Meyer-Simon et al., filed May 6, 1974, issued August 31, 1976.

20. United States Patent No. 3,997,581 by Pletka et al., filed January 31, 1975, issued December 14, 1976.

21. United States Patent No. 3,873,489 by Thurn *et al.*, filed November 12, 1973, issued March 25, 1975.

The referenced citations are listed in the accompanying PTO Form 1449 and copies of the references are provided. Applicant respectfully requests that the

Examiner review the foregoing references and that the references be made of record in the file history of the above-mentioned application.

Identification of the above-listed references is not to be construed as an admission of the Applicant or the attorneys of the Applicant that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application.

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